

An Ordinance

Defining the qualifications of Voters
and Civil Officers in this State.

Be it Ordained by the People of
the State of Missouri, in Convention assembled
as follows:

Section 1. No person shall vote at
any election to be hereafter held in this State,
under or in pursuance of the Constitution and
laws thereof, whether State, County, Township
or Municipal, who shall not, in addition to
possessing the qualifications already prescribed
for electors, previously take an oath in form
as follows, namely: I do, do solemnly swear
(or affirm, as the case may be) that I will sup-
port, protect and defend the Constitution of
the United States, and the Constitution of the
State of Missouri, against all enemies and op-
ponents, whether domestic or foreign; that I
will bear true faith, loyalty and allegiance
to the United States, and will not, directly,
or indirectly, give aid and comfort or
countenance to the enemies or opponents ther-
of, or of the Provisional Government of the
State of Missouri, any ordinance, law or
resolution of any State Convention or Legis-

lature, or of any order or organization, secret or otherwise, to the contrary notwithstanding; and that I do this with a full and honest determination, pledge and purpose, faithfully, to keep and perform the same, without any mental reservation or evasion whatever.

And I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not, since the 17th day of December, A.D. 1861, wilfully, taken up arms or levied war against the United States or against the Provisional Government of the State of Missouri. So help me God.

Section 2. Before any person shall be elected or appointed to any civil office within this State, under the Constitution and the laws thereof, whether State, County, Township, Municipal, or other civil office,^{he} shall take and subscribe an oath in form as follows: "I, A.B. do on oath (or affirmation declare) that I have not during the present rebellion wilfully taken up arms against the United States nor against the provisional government of the State of Missouri, nor have wilfully adhered to

the enemies of either, whether domestic or foreign, by giving them aid and comfort, but have always in good faith opposed the same. And further that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Missouri, against all enemies and opposers whether domestic or foreign, any ordinance, law or resolution of any State convention or Legislature, or of any order, secret or otherwise, to the contrary notwithstanding; and that I do this with an honest purpose, pledge & determination faithfully to perform the same without any mental reservation or evasion whatever"; which oath shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State by all candidates for State offices, and by candidates for all County and other offices, in the office of the Clerk of the County Court (or other officer charged with equivalent duties) in the Counties wherein they respectively reside, at least five days before the day of election. And no vote shall be cast up for, or certificates of election granted to, any candidate who fails to file such oath as required by this ordinance.

Section 3. Any person who shall falsely take, or having taken, shall thereupon wilfully violate any oath prescribed by this ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof by any court of competent jurisdiction, be adjudged guilty of the crime of perjury, and shall be punished therefor in accordance with existing laws. And it shall be the duty of the Judges of all courts having criminal jurisdiction under the laws of this State, specially, to charge the Grand Juries in the counties in which such courts shall be held respectively, and of all Grand Juries in the performance of their duties under the laws of this State, specially, to inquire concerning the commission of any act of perjury mentioned or made punishable by this or any other ordinance adopted by this convention.

Section 4. The courts of this State shall require all juries and attorneys to take and subscribe the following oath: "I, _____, do solemnly swear, (or affirm as the case may be,) that I will support, protect,

and defend the Constitution of the United States,
and the Constitution of the State of Missouri,
against all enemies, and opposers, whether do-
mestic or foreign; that I will bear true faith,
loyalty, and allegiance, to the Government
of the United States, and will not, directly, or
indirectly, adhere to the enemies or opposers
thereof, or of the Provisional Government of
the State of Missouri, by giving them aid
and comfort, any ordinance, law or reso-
lution of any State Convention, or Legislature,
or of any order or organization, secret or oth-
erwise, to the contrary notwithstanding; and that
I do this with a full and honest determina-
tion, pledge and purpose, to keep and per-
form the same, without any mental reserva-
tion or evasion whatever. So help me God."

The same oath shall also be taken and sub-
scribed by the President, Professors and
Curators of the University of the State of
Missouri, by all Bank officers, Common
School teachers who are paid in whole or
in part out of funds provided by law, and
Common School Trustees, by all officers of all in-
corporated Companies of this State, and by

all licensed or ordained preachers of the gospel before performing the ceremony of marriage in this State; and filed in any County Clerks office in this State; every licensed or ordained preacher of the gospel who shall perform the ceremony of marriage in this State before taking said oath, and every other person aforesaid, promising to discharge the duties pertaining to his avocation, under the laws of this State, without complying with the provisions of this section, shall be punished for each offence by a fine not less than ten nor more than two hundred dollars. This section shall take effect 90 days from the passage of this ordinance.

Section 5. That Judges and Clerks of all elections held under the laws of this State, shall, in addition to taking the oaths required by existing laws, take the further oath that they will not record, not permit to be recorded, the name of any voter who has not first taken the oath required to be taken by the first section.

of this ordinance

Section 6. The General Assembly
of this State may at any time repeal
this ordinance, or any part thereof.

Adopted June 10th A.D. 1862.

Attest: Samuel Lowe

Secretary Vice President of Convention

Attest: Samuel A. Lowe

Secretary of Committee

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Vice President of Convention